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IDENTITY VERIFICATION, A CARD
FOR IDENTITY VERIFICATION
AND A METHOD FOR IDENTITY
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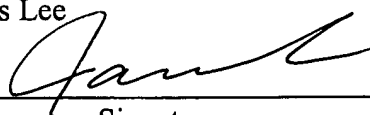
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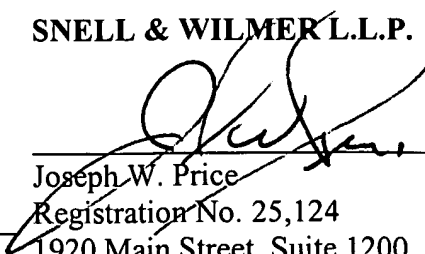
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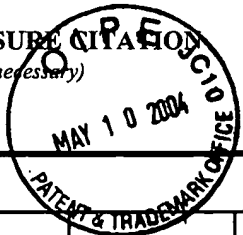
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